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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
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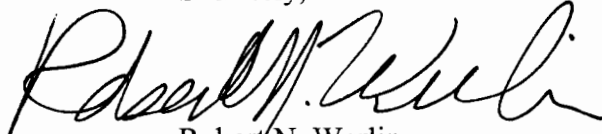
Re: D.T.E. 05-85, NSTAR Electric/NSTAR Gas

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the responses to the Information Requests set forth on the accompanying list.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert N. Werlin

Enclosures

cc: Service List

Responses to Information Requests

DTE-4-1

DTE-4-2

DTE-4-3

NSTAR Electric
NSTAR Gas Company
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
D.T.E. 05-85
Information Request: **DTE-4-1**
December 21, 2005
Person Responsible: Geoffrey O. Lubbock

Information Request DTE-4-1

Refer to Section 2.21 of the Settlement Agreement. Notwithstanding this provision, does NSTAR Electric intend to comply with any and all procurement directives that might be issued by the Department in its current docket D.T.E. 04-115?

Response

Paragraph 2.21 of the Settlement Agreement applies only to the contract term and procurement schedule of Basic Service for residential customers. Except for those limited, specific provisions, NSTAR Electric would comply with any and all other directives that might be issued by the Department in D.T.E. 04-115.

NSTAR Electric
NSTAR Gas Company
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
D.T.E. 05-85
Information Request: **DTE-4-2**
December 21, 2005
Person Responsible: Geoffrey O. Lubbock

Information Request DTE-4-2

Refer to Section 2.21 of the Settlement Agreement. Would approval of the Settlement Agreement change NSTAR Electric's schedule for the fixed price option for basic/default service?

Response

No. NSTAR Electric would continue to offer residential customers the six-month, fixed price option for Basic Service. The prices would be based on the results of the procurements described in paragraph 2.21 of the Settlement Agreement.

NSTAR Electric
NSTAR Gas Company
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
D.T.E. 05-85
Information Request: **DTE-4-3**
December 21, 2005
Person Responsible: Penelope Conner

Information Request DTE-4-3

Refer to Section 2.24 of the Settlement Agreement. Notwithstanding this provision, do the Companies intend to comply with any and all directives that might be issued by the Department concerning arrearage management programs in its current open docket D.T.E. 05-86?

Response

As described in response to Information Request DTE-3-32, the Arrearage Forgiveness Program (the “AFP”) exceeds the minimum requirements of law under St. 205, c. 140, section 17(a). Since the Department’s investigation in D.T.E. 05-86 is opened pursuant to that statute, the AFP negotiated by the Settling Parties and included in the Settlement Agreement would not be subject to material change based on a Department directive that is intended to meet only those minimum statutory requirements. The Companies would comply with any and all other directives that might be issued by the Department in D.T.E. 05-86.